

PACIFIC Expedition

3rd AEG Review: A look at the deployed units

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3rd AEG says farewell to 90th FS, supports 12th FS

90th Fighter Squadron set for Alaska return

The redeployment of the 3rd Air Expeditionary Group will soon be actively underway with the departure of the 90th Fighter Squadron's 18 F-15E Strike Eagle aircraft and aircrew planned next week.

The squadron flew more than 650 sorties and 980 flying hours during the deployment.

"The 90th Fighter Squadron, and all other 3rd AEG units, have done an outstanding job," said Col. James E. Reed, group commander. "The 3rd AEG is still activated, supporting the 12th Fighter Squadron from Kadena."

Training held sooner due to redeployment

The 90th Fighter Squadron aircrew flew their final sorties last weekend which included the loading and dropping of live ordnance.

These missions, which were originally scheduled at the end of July, provided invaluable training for everyone, according to Lt. Col. Darryl Roberson, squadron commander.

"This deployment has been a great training opportunity overall," said Roberson. "We are glad to have been part of the 3rd AEG and now we can look forward to enjoying our Alaskan summer with our families."

12th Fighter Squadron welcomed into 3rd AEG

3rd Air Expeditionary Group services, civil engineers, and other units, are providing full support to the 12th Fighter Squadron, which is now officially part of the group, according to Reed.

The unit began flying operations this week. More than 130 people arrived last week, bringing eight F-15C aircraft from Kadena Air Base, Japan, to participate in Cope Jade 99-4.

"We appreciate all the support from the deployed units here," said Lt. Col. Rick Tollini, 12th Fighter Squadron operations officer.

90th Fighter Squadron: Mission Accomplished!



Weapons load crew (l to r) Master Sgt. Rick Matz, Staff Sgt. Cyil Moore, Airman 1st Class William Younkings, and Senior Airman Dave Morrison arm an F-15E for flight Sunday. (right) An F-15E takes off from Kwang Ju Air Base Sunday headed to Kunsan Air Base to be loaded with live ordnance for training.

A look at the deployed units

The 90th Fighter Squadron operators' and maintainers' milestones

The 90th Fighter Squadron flew routine training missions, conducted two 'surges,' and participated in at least one major Air Component Command exercise during the deployment.

The squadron participated in Cope Jade with units from Kadena Air Base, Japan; and Osan and Kunsan Air Bases, Korea.

The 'surges' were designed to give aircrew and maintainers an understanding of what the pace is like during combat operations.

In addition, the unit had the opportunity to drop more than 70 live CBU-87s (bombs) during its final training missions last weekend.



Airman 1st Class Joshua Beach gives 'thumbs up' signal to aircrew Capt. Chad Meyering and Capt. Kevin Weppner.



An aircrew prepares for a flight during a surge last month. The 90th Fighter Squadron scheduled 18 missions daily during routine operations and 36 missions daily during high operations tempo surges.



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The Logistic team's support for the group is expansive

Supply

This team processed more than 1400 requests for supplies. Requested items included more than 300 aircraft, critical communication systems and vehicles 'mission capability' parts.

Fuels

The fuels team pumped more than 2.3 million gallons of jet fuel during the deployment. This included more than 1.7 million gallons of JP-8 fuel received from rail cars and more than 800 delivery runs which were made between the bulk storage area and flight line.

Transportation

During the deployment, the transportation team maintained 188 vehicles worth an estimated \$7.5

Comm connection



The communications team provided satellite, telephone and radio communications for the 3rd Air Expeditionary Group.

Capable of establishing a communications infrastructure in a bare base situation, this team connected 3.5 miles of phone lines, 1.5 miles of communication cables, and installed more than 275 phones.

Also part of the comm team, the postmaster processed more than 29,000 pounds of mail during the deployment at Kwang Ju.



Airman 1st Class Brian Scarborough maneuvers a 10K forklift earlier in the deployment.

million. Among other achievements, the team processed more than 800 people and downloaded more than 1,000 short tons of cargo.

Contracting

The contracting team disbursed more than \$360,000 towards contracts and purchases.

Munitions

The munitions team loaded more than 9,800 RR-170 chaff, 2,000 MJU-7 flare and 70 CBU-87s, on F-15Es during the deployment.

Maintenance

The back-shop maintainers kept the survival gear ready to go, conducted egress training and inspections, armament inspections, and non-destructive inspections.

Other maintainers accomplished 'R and R,' electrical and environmental, navigational systems, test station, fuel cell, pneudralics, structural, metals technology, aerospace ground equipment, and PMEL maintenance.

3rd Air Expeditionary Group chapel team leads community efforts

Chaplain Ron Harvell and his team led efforts to help several orphanages, churches, hospitals, schools and a convent during the deployment, with more than 90 volunteers from the 3rd Air Expeditionary Group participating.

More than 530 hours were spent trimming trees, building benches, teaching English, interacting with children, in addition to a number of other tasks and activities.

In addition to these volunteer efforts, the chaplains were instrumental in helping members see a bit of Korea during their stay. Chaplain George C. George made a pilgrimage to visit religious sites near Seoul, while another group visited a scenic village and mountain.

Throughout the deployment there were Bible studies and discipleship classes, as well as a variety of church services.



Airman 1st Class Karen Williams visits with some orphan children during a volunteer project at the Holy Poor Orphanage in Kwang Ju City.

Weather team in action



The 3rd Air Expeditionary Group weather team provided briefings to aircrews on anticipated weather conditions, thermal properties of practice targets, alternate landing sites, and information on leaving and returning to Korean theater airfields.

The two-man team, Staff Sgts. Robert Tebben and Brian Hearn, briefed 636 sorties in addition to providing weekend forecasts for the Pacific Expedition.

PERSCO accomplished 400 personnel actions for more than 1,000 people deployed from ten bases to Kwang Ju. This team also provided promotion and leave info.

Finance office cashed more than \$165,000 in personal checks and converted more than \$62,000 into Won.

Legal office provided counseling and services to more than 60 people which included wills, powers of attorney, command advice and tax information.

Command post team ensured group had 24-hour emergency response-ability, communications and checklists.

Intelligence provided more than 240 intelligence briefings for commanders, fliers and group staff. Plotted more than 1000 pieces of imagery for rapid mission planning.

Information Management processed numerous unit decorations, evaluations, and letters of appreciation.

Public Affairs informed Pacific and Air Force audiences on 3rd AEG mission with media responses, releases, visits and 11 editions of the Pacific Expedition.

Civil engineers complete nine projects for 3rd AEG



Staff Sgt. Randall Youngblood removes a revetment during the first day of construction last week.

Civil engineers completed nine projects worth \$12,000, saving \$45,000 in estimated contract costs during the deployment.

Projects included 'capping' revetments, installing air conditioning, renovating several facilities, and installing insulation.

The team also built a stage and provided electrical support for the Air Force's Pacific Band 'Final Approach' during the Fourth of July.

Overall, the unit used more than \$18,000 worth of materials and 6,400 man hours to complete 610 work orders.

Civil engineers from the 18th Wing Civil Engineer Squadron, Kadena Air Base, Japan, managed and worked on the revetment project, while Osan's 554th REDHORSE civil engineer squadron worked on the new storage facility.

Funding for all the projects was provided by 7th Air Force and Pacific Air Force Headquarters.

Services team served more than 100,000 meals

The 3rd Air Expeditionary Group services team provided billeting, dining, and recreation support for the more than 650 people deployed to Kwang Ju.

- The billeting staff placed more than 1,000 people into nearly 380 rooms, in addition to making quality of life improvements along the way.

- Serving up more than 100,000 meals, the food services team maintained pace with demand by ordering abundant food supplies.

- Most of the 3rd AEG members took advantage of the numerous trips and tours to Osan and Kunsan Air Bases.

- The holiday and intramural basketball, volleyball and racquetball tournaments were a big hit -- attracting nearly 400 players.

- Aerobic and swing dance classes were also enjoyed by many. More than 500 participated in aerobics and 40 took the swing class.

- Movies attracted all with 72 showings.



First Sergeant and Command Chief spearhead quality of life, recognition programs

Several quality of life and recognition initiatives were spearheaded by Command Chief Master Sgt. Phillip Cherry and 1st Sergeant, Senior Master Sgt.



Command Chief Master Sgt. Phillip Cherry downloads furniture during the deployment.

Thomas Pelfrey.

Many dormitories did not have beds or other basic furniture amenities.

In an effort to improve conditions, Pelfrey and Cherry contacted numerous South Korean bases within driving distance to determine what furniture was available.

In total, this team retrieved 12, free of charge, loads of furniture, which included more than 1,000 furniture items, at an estimated value of \$300,000 during the deployment.

In addition, Cherry and Pelfrey led efforts to start a monthly recognition program. Also, the team held NCO and



1st Sgt. Senior Master Sgt. Thomas Pelfrey helped troops' celebrate their birthdays.

Senior NCO induction ceremonies, and birthday meals for 3rd Air Expeditionary Group members.

Fire department on scene



The 3rd AEG Fire Department responded to more than eight aircraft, six medical and 13 structural emergencies during the deployment.

Force protection at KJ

- **Security police** provided nearly 40 customs briefings to more than 900 people during the deployment.
- **OSI** provided threat awareness briefings to all members, in addition to weekly battlestaff meeting updates.

Medics provide health, wellness support

The medical team provided medical services to 473 people, in addition to administering 390 vaccinations.

Airfield management

Acted as liaison with Korean air traffic controllers, assisting in the direction and management of United States Air Force aircraft transiting Kwang Ju Air Base.

Senior NCO Induction Sat.

Seats are still available for the Senior Noncommissioned Officer's Induction Ceremony scheduled for Saturday at 6:30 p.m. in the base theater.

Chief Master Sgt. Danny Hendrix, 8th Fighter Wing Command Chief Master Sergeant, is scheduled to speak at the event which will honor this year's master sergeant selectees. A banquet will be held immediately following the ceremony at the dining facility.

The evening's menu includes serloin steak, baked potato, corn on the cob, tossed salad, rolls & butter, and cake.

Those interested in attending the banquet can sign-up at the Billeting Office.

Osan tour

Noon today is the deadline to sign up at the Recreation Center for the one-night tour to Osan Air Base.

The show time for this tour is Saturday at 7:30 a.m.

Individuals who are late meeting the bus will lose their seat to a standby passenger.

The tour bus departs Osan at 2 p.m. Sunday.

DMZ tour

Thirty-seven seats are available for a Demilitarized Zone and tunnel tour July 31. The deadline to sign up for the

tour in Bldg. 104 is Thursday.

The dress code for the tour is slacks, jeans not permitted, a collared shirt, and no sandals.

For more information call Tech. Sgt. Ian Lodge at 6-6591.

Band at Food Court

"Roll 'n' Thunder," a rock and roll band will perform live tonight in the Food Court.

For more information call Master Sgt. Libran Selfe or Tech. Sgt. Jeanie Buxton at 6-6424.

Intramural sports scores

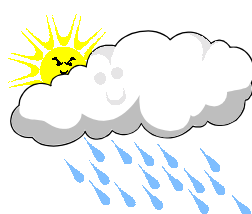
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Softball

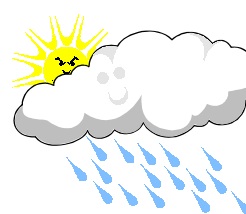
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Basketball

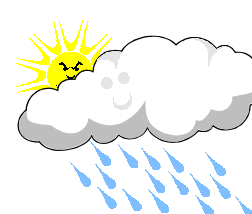
Civil Engineers A 58 - 90th Fighter Squadron 53; Services 58 - Civil Engineers B 31; Supply 53 - Transportation 43; Services 30 - Civil Engineers A 28; Communications 64 - Supply 57.



Saturday -
Mostly cloudy with
rain showers. High
of 85, low of 72.



Sunday -
Mostly cloudy with
rain showers. High
of 84, low of 73.



Monday -
Mostly cloudy with
rain showers. High
of 85, low of 72.

Channel 2 movies

Tonight	7 p.m. Alien III; 9 p.m. Face Off
Saturday	3 and 7 p.m. City of Angels; 9 p.m. Hard Target
Sunday	7 and 9 p.m. The Peacemaker
Monday	7 and 9 p.m. The Fugitive
Tuesday	7 and 9 p.m. Terminator II
Wednesday	7 and 9 p.m. The Great Outdoors
Thursday	7 and 9 p.m. Alien Resurrection
July 30	7 and 9 p.m. Drop Zone
July 31	3 and 7 p.m. Caddyshack 9 p.m. Armageddon
Aug. 1	7 and 9 p.m. Altered States

Movie schedule provided by Det 3, 607 MMS.

Chapel News

A **prayer room** is available 24-hours a day.

Walk in counseling is available 8 to 11 a.m. daily.

For more information on chapel services call 6-6026.

Catholic

Catholic Masses - 11:30 a.m. Sundays at St. John's Catholic Church. Weekdays masses are 11:30 a.m. in the Hidden Valley prayer room. Confessions are before and after the mass or anytime by appointment. For more information call Father George C. George at 6-6026.

Catholic RCIA/bible study/reflection group meets 7 p.m. Wednesdays in the Hidden Valley prayer chapel.

Protestant

Protestant worship is 10:30 a.m. Sundays in the Base Theater. **Sunday school** 9:15 a.m. Sundays in the Base Theater.

A **modern issues in Christianity** group meets 7 p.m. Saturdays in the Hidden Valley Prayer Chapel.

All of the following classes are held in the Food Court's "upper room":

An **Officer Christian Fellowship** is 6 p.m. Sundays.

A **Bible introduction class** is 7 p.m. Tuesdays.

Reuniting with family after being deployed

By Chaplain Ron Harvell
3rd Air Expeditionary Group Chaplain

With the deployment coming to a close, it is time for families to be reunited. Most of us long for the joy of being with our loved ones. I want to leave you with a few ideas on how to make this reunion time go as well as possible. Since nearly every family goes through a time of readjustment despite how excited everyone is to be together again.

I find the following reunion tips helpful, as outlined by a company named Channing L. Bete.

Don't change systems that have been working well

Some ways of doing things will have by necessity changed. It is not wise to assume that everything has to be the way it was before. The checkbook may balance better now. Your teenager may cook well.

Go easy on the discipline

Family members are usually both excited and apprehensive about being back together. Be sensitive and careful not to take the approach of "whipping things back into shape."

Resist spending sprees.

It is easy to start buying unbudgeted items in the celebration of being together again.

Spend time with the whole family

Everyone--especially the little ones-- will know they are important to you if you spend time with them soon after returning from your deployment.

Expect some sexual tension.

When two people have been separated it usually takes time to become sexually reacquainted.

Support positive changes

Show pleasure and interest in how your family has grown. Expect family members to be more independent.

Don't expect things to be perfect.

It is an unreal expectation that leads to disappointment.

Above all else, talk with your loved ones!

Communication is the basis of healthy, growing relationships.

It is not a smooth move to return and plop yourself in front of the television. It may be easier on you, but it won't be on those who have been waiting on your return.

I encourage you to be patient, talk and listen.

Invest your life in the people who have invested their lives in you. God bless you.

Volunteers!

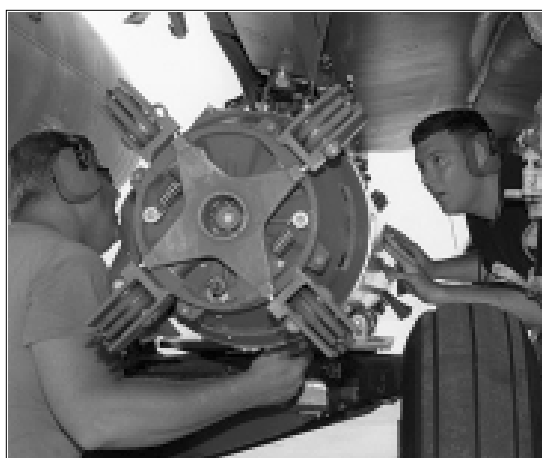
Volunteers are needed to build benches and trim trees at a local Catholic Convent Saturday. If interested, meet in front of bldg. 214 at 9 a.m.

For more information please call Chaplain Ron Harvell at 6-6026.

Weapons load crew works the weekend shift loading CBU-87s.



Staff Sgt. Wes Carden prepares to load a CBU-87 cluster bomb on an F-15E at Kunsan Air Base Sunday.



(L to R) Staff Sgt. Wes Carden and Airman 1st Class Joe Canella load a CBU-87 cluster bomb on an F-15E at Kunsan Air Base Sunday.



(L to R) Staff Sgt. Dave Madison and Airman 1st Class James Benson prepare to load a CBU-87 on an F-15E Sunday.

Hours of operation

Finance Monday - Thursday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Fridays 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

AAFES Souvenir Shop 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays.

Food Court

Grill 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday - Thursday; 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday

Phone card desk 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily except Sunday.

Barber shop 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. daily

AAFES dry cleaning 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday and Friday

Fitness Center 24 hours a day

Post Office 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Monday through Friday and Saturdays 9 to 11 a.m. The Saturday 1-3 p.m. service has been cancelled.

Dining Hall

Weekdays Breakfast 5 to 8 a.m. Lunch 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dinner 4 to 7 p.m.

Weekends Brunch 6 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dinner 4 to 7 p.m.

Midnight meals 11 p.m. to 1 a.m. Sun-Friday.

Recreation Center 5 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily in Bldg. 104.

Yoda's Place Weeknights 6 p.m. to midnight and weekends 2 p.m. to 2 a.m.

Self-help projects improve Kwang Ju's quality of life



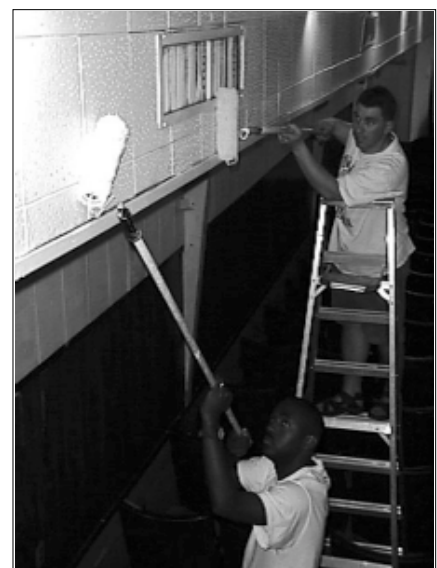
Tech. Sgt. Penny Mendez, PERSCO, applied tape to protect the woodwork in Bldg. 2107 before painting the walls during a self-help project.



Master Sgt. James Hobza cleans up after completing a self-help painting project in bldg. 2107.



Staff Sgts. Michael Means and Donald Shelton take measurements in the Fire Department building before starting a remodeling project.



Senior Airman Shayne Hyde, front, a chaplain services support person, and Senior Airman Chad Schooley, an armament back shop technician, put the finishing touches on the volunteer paint project in the base theater.